

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2298 – HB 3059

February 29, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013028): Requires the State Board of Education to develop, within existing resources, the transitional teacher licensure program.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$80,700/Recurring

Local Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant/Permissive

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Requiring a department or agency to perform an action within its existing resources does not remove the cost of the action. It is assumed that the State Board of Education (SBE) will either reduce expenditures in another budget item or reduce their reversion to the Treasury to perform the required action.
- According to the SBE, the Board does not have the resources and expertise to undertake the development of a transitional teacher licensure program. The SBE will require one additional staff position to oversee the development process and statewide implementation.
- The increase in state expenditures will be \$80,652 (\$65,000 salary + \$15,652 benefits).
- No fiscal impact on the Department of Education.
- The number of individuals who will join the new program and become teachers is unknown.
- Local education agencies will not be required to hire teachers from the new transitional licensure program.
- Decisions about implementation of mentoring programs and teacher salary for individuals coming to teach from the new licensure program will be made by each LEA. The fiscal impact on local expenditures is not quantifiable. For the purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that the net impact on permissive local expenditures will be not significant.

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- Any increase in local expenditures for additional mentoring programs will be made at the discretion of the LEA and is predicated on the LEA hiring teachers from the transitional licensure program.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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